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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/RR

SUBJECT : Information of Possible Interest for
Dissemination

SOURCE : A middle-aged Soviet citizen who emigrated
from the UkSSR in the summer of 1964 for
permanent residence in a Western European
country

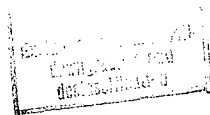
1. The source lived in a village (Hlynskyy Rayon) near Drohobych. She said there was much discontent among the villagers and frequent verbal attacks on the local kolhoz supervisor because of food shortages, inadequate remuneration for work performed and conditions in general. Propagandists were harrassed. Examples given by the source: The propagandists taught that "Lenin provides everything." After a long drought, the villagers shouted at the propagandists: "Where is your Lenin? Why doesn't he bring rain?" In response to the explanation that, "Rain is nature's work", the villagers shouted, "Nature nothing. It is punishment from God." During export of wheat from the source's village, the local youth defaced a large statue of Lening which stands in the village. There was a sign hung from his neck during the night which read: "Arise Volodya and take a look at what that bald headed one has done. He sends the wheat abroad and feeds us with horse beans and peas." The source said what bread was available in the village was made of a flour of beans, peas and corn. It could not be cut with a knife because it crumbled so badly.

2. In return for her services at the kolhoz for the last year, the source was given 1 cubic meter of wheat, 1/2 cubic meter of rye and some peas, beans and corn. Some individuals receive a bit more, others somewhat less. It all depends on the kolhoz management and on prevailing conditions. There is no set standard.

3. Individuals who appear to have something more than others are much envied. Food and clothing parcels from relatives in the West frequently were the cause of loud quarrels among neighbors which often ended up in court. Some individuals even wrote their relatives asking that no parcels be sent so as to avoid trouble.

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4. Race Problem. The source said Mongols and other yellow-skinned people were brought into areas from which much of the local people emigrated to the cities or virgin lands. She said that recently a whole area had been set aside for them in Moscow where they live in newly erected buildings. Source personally heard hateful remarks made by white Moscow residents when she was in Moscow against the "yellow ones." There were street brawls and even murders at youth dances.

5. Many Ukrainians, according to source, try to move from the western provinces to areas in the Donbas or Zaporozhe where wages are better. Source said morals in the eastern provinces are very low. Men frequently leave their wives and families behind in the western provinces and, as a result, marriages often end in divorce. The source herself was divorced by her husband after he emigrated to the east.

6. The source received 10,000 rubles from the sale of her house before she emigrated to the West. She was forced to forfeit all but 1,000 rubles. She willed 9,000 to her relatives but doesn't expect it will be given to them. The source was searched carefully on her departure from the Soviet Union.

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